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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant : Sheng-Hua CHEN et al )

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action of July 12, 2004, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on October 12, 2004.

A fee of \$ \( \) is being submitted concurrently. Should this remittance be accidentally missing, however, or should any additional fees be needed, such fees may be charged to our Deposit Account number 18-0002.

Please amend the above-identified application as specified on the following pages, and then reconsider the application in view of the Remarks that are presented thereafter.

